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SUBJECT: SEVEN MORE DURBAN DETAINEES RELEASED

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1. SEVEN DURBAN BLACKS HELD FOR OVER FOUR MONTHS UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WERE AMONG THE FINAL TWENTY DETAINEES RELEASED ON DECEMBER 28. THEY WERE GOVIN REDDY AND BOBBY MARI, RESEARCH OFFICERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS; RASHID MEER, SON OF BANNED SOCIOLOGIST FAIMA MEER AND A STUDENT AT THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN-WESTVILLE; VITUS MVELAST AND GEORGE SITHOLE, RESPECTIVELY CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE UMLAZI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION; THAMI ZANI, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF SASO; AND SIBOLINGE KHUBEKHE, A KWA MASHU TYPIST. THEIR RELEASE MEANS THAT ALL ONE HUNDRED TWO PERSONS HELD UNDER THAT ACT HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED.

2. OF THOSE RELEASED, TWO, MEER AND REDDY, WERE SERVED WITH FIVE YEAR BANNING ORDERS, AND ONE, SITHOLE, WAS PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR FIVE YEARS.

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3. THE DETAINEES WERE REPORTEDLY MET BY A HUGE CROWD OF JUBILANT FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT DURBAN'S AIRPORT, BUT SECURITY POLICE FORCIBLY PREVENTED NEWSMEN FROM INTERVIEWING OR PHOTOGRAPHING THE NEWLY-RESTRICTED MEN.
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